## DNDO 2013 Industry Day

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On Wednesday, 23 January 2013, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) hosted its 2nd Annual Industry Day. Over 230 participants from approximately 150 industry, academia, national laboratories and government partner organizations were in attendance.

During the Industry Day, we highlighted DNDO's mission to implement domestic nuclear detection efforts for a managed and coordinated response to radiological and nuclear threats, and coordinate the development of the Global Nuclear Detection Architecture (GNDA), with partners from federal, state, local, and international governments and the private sector. We also held interactive discussions on how DNDO continues to identify synergies with private sector and partners through our 'Commercial First' Initiative, the Graduated Radiation and Nuclear Detector Evaluation and Reporting (GRaDER®) program, and DNDO's Fee for Testing service.

DNDO representatives also highlighted the upcoming National Rad/Nuc Detection Challenge, which consists of a competition, an exposition, and an information exchange forum designed to encourage broad participation between our federal, state and local partners, national laboratories, industry, and academia. The Challenge will utilize the recognized power of trade shows and competitive challenges to cost-effectively advance capabilities in the radiological and nuclear (Rad/Nuc) detection field and promote cooperation and collaboration among all stakeholders in the community.

DHS officials from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Transportation Security Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as interagency, state and local organizations also discussed their operational needs for current and future radiation detection systems in an operational environment.

We thank all of our participants for allowing us to communicate our priorities so we can continue to develop the GNDA and enhance our Nation's Rad/Nuc detection capability over time.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to us at DNDOIndustryDay@hq.dhs.gov.